Setting up of Gramin Nyayalay

2095. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since taken any decision on the Law Commission's report regarding the setting up of Gramin Nyayalay; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the legislation for its implementation is proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). With a view to revitalise the Panchayati Raj Institutions, the Government have already introduced the Constitution (Seventy-second Amendment) Bill, 1991 in the last session of the Lok Sabha. Through this amendment, it is proposed to bestow executive and administrative powers to Panchayats at different levels. It is proposed to issue details Model Guidelines to the State Governments on setting up of Nyaya Panchayats, after the Constitution (Seventy-second Amendment) Bill, 1991 is enacted.

[*Translation*]

Forecast of Earthquake

2096. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are special arrangements in the countries like China for the forecast of the earthquake;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to make such arrangements in India also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) So far, there is no proven scientific technique available to forecast earthquakes. In China, they succeeded in predicting the February 4, 1975 earthquake. However, later several large earthquakes have occurred which were not predicted.

(b) and (c). Research in the direction of developing viable technique(s) for forecasting of earthquakes is in progress at a number of institutions in India such as India Meteorological Department, National Geophysical Research Institute, University of Roorkee, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Geological Survey of India and Survey of India.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Sugar Factories in Mandya District of Karnataka

2097. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar factories in Mandya District of Karnataka;

(b) the total quantity of sugar produced every year from all these sugar factories; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to establish a Central Research Station at Mandya in Karnataka to undertake research on the varieties of sugarcane?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) As on 30.9.91, there are 3